

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

Dr. Zantzinger presented a tabular statement of Meteorological observations, for the year 1841: which was referred to Messrs. Goddard, Lukens, and Johnson.

Dr. Hallowell read a paper intended for publication, entitled, "Description of a new genus of Serpents from Western Africa," to which he has given the name of *Distichurus*, founding it on a single species, *D. maculatus*, described in the paper. Referred to Messrs. McMurtrie, Morton, and Haldeman.

BUSINESS BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

Mr. Phillips offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries be, *ex-officio*, members of the Committee on Proceedings.

Dr. Morton having stated that his valuable collection of Crania, contained in a lower room of the building, had sustained some injury from the dampness of the apartment, and that it would be necessary to remove them, a resolution was adopted by the Society, authorising him to have cases erected in the North flying-gallery of the Hall, for the purpose of accommodating the collection, the expense of the same to be defrayed in part by the Society.

 STATED MEETING, APRIL 12th, 1842.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

A specimen of *Zygæna tiburo* from the coast of Florida.
Presented by Dr. Wm. Blanding.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Sixth geological report to the 24th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. By Gerard Troost, M. D. From Dr. S. G. Morton.

Whirlwind Storms—with a reply to the objections and strictures of Dr. Hare. By William C. Redfield. From the Author.

Descriptions of new species of Quadrupeds inhabiting North America. By J. J. Audubon, Esq. and J. Bachman, D. D. From the Authors. (Extr. from Jour. Acad. v. 8.)

STATED MEETING, APRIL 19th, 1842.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION.—Mr. Phillips presented a communication from J. G. Anthony, Esq. of Cincinnati, Ohio, transmitting a Catalogue of the Terrestrial and Fluviate Shells of Ohio; which was ordered to be placed on file.

BUSINESS BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

By special permission, the committee on Dr. Hallowell's paper, read April 5th, describing a new genus of Serpents from Western Africa, offered a report in favour of publication, which was accepted.

A resolution was then adopted, urging the Zoological Committee to take immediate measures for the preservation of the remains of the collection of Insects lately returned by Dr. Harris.